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*WE may now congratulate our readers upon what we foretold, would be the consequence of Spain's joining openly with France in the war against us *.*

The only rich ship that attempted to return to Spain since their declaration of war has, by the diligence and bravery of our seamen, been brought to England; and one of their largest islands, together with the best fortified and most useful harbour they have in America, have fallen a prey to the intrepidity of our troops, safely and surprisingly conducted thither, through a long and narrow channel, so full of sholes, eddies, and currents, that it was always before deemed impracticable for such a numerous fleet.

These rapid conquests have, in the course of one summer, convinced the haughty Spanish court, that the united power of France and Spain is far from being a match for that of Great-Britain alone in America. This soon induced them to sue for Peace; and in order to recover the island and harbour we had conquered, they have sacrificed the well grounded hope they had of being able, with the assistance of France, to add Portugal to their dominions: They have departed from every claim lately set up against us: And they have yielded to us every territory they possessed on this side of the Mississippi, which, in case of a war with this nation, will always render the Havanna of little service to them; because, by our being now in possession of the continent on one side of the Gulph of Florida, and of the Babama islands on the other, not so much as a single ship can pass through the Gulph, without falling a prey to our cruisers or privateers.

On the other hand, the French being thus made apprehensive that they would be deserted by Spain, and having been prevented, by the bravery of our troops and the conduct of our general in Germany, from becoming masters of his majesty's territories in that country, which was from the beginning their only hope of bringing the war to a happy issue, they at last began sincerely to sue for peace, and in order to recover a few small islands in America, all of which we can in one year take from them again, should they ever hereafter provoke us to war, they have not only given up their claim, or their right, to several other islands, but have made an absolute cession of the whole continent of North America, on this side the Mississippi, except the single town of New-Orleans with a small territory round it, so circumscribed by rivers and lakes, that they can never pretend to extend their bounds, or to make any incroachment upon us, without a manifest breach of the treaty they have agreed to.

Thus we have now got the undisputed possession of a fruitful country in America, almost equal in extent to the whole continent of Europe: Bounded on the North by seas of ice and mountains of Snow, which have in part been explored by the courage and patience of our sailors and travellers, but never as yet passed by the boldest or the most indefatigable adventurer: On the east it is bounded only by the Atlantic Ocean: On the South by the bay of Mexico; and all along its known western frontier by the great river Mississippi, which neither the French nor Spaniards must ever pass, not even for the sake of traffick with the Indians.

These advantages, if duly preserved, and made a proper use of, must soon render our dominions in America sufficiently able to protect themselves, and even to give aid to their mother country, if it should ever be found necessary. Of this we shall take care to give, in our future Magazines, a candid and impartial account; and, we hope, such an account as will give pleasure to every true British subject. From hence we have good reason to expect, from our readers and correspondents, the same indulgence and encouragement they have hitherto favoured us with, for which we return them our most hearty and grateful acknowledgments.

* See Preface to last year's Lond. Mag.

GEORGE *R.*

WHEREAS Our truſty and well-beloved *Richard Baldwin*, of *Paternoſter-Row*, in Our City of *London*, Bookſeller, hath, by his Petition, humbly repreſented unto Us, that he is the Proprietor of a Work that is publiſhed monthly, entitled,

The LONDON MAGAZINE.

In which is contained many original Pieces, that were never before printed; and that he is at a great expence in paying Authors for their Labours in writing and compiling the ſaid Work, which has been publiſhed once a Month for near Thirty Years paſt, and hath met with great approbation from the publick,—— That he is now publiſhing therein

An Impartial and Succinct HISTORY of the Origin and Progreſs of the PRESENT WAR,

To be illuſtrated with many Maps and Charts, which hath already been ſo well received, as to induce ſeveral perſons to reprint it in other periodical Publications; and being deſirous of reaping the Fruits of his very great Expence and Labour, in the Proſecution of this Work, and enjoying the full Profit and Benefit that may ariſe from printing and vending the ſame, without any other Perſon interfering in his juſt Property, he moſt humbly prays Us, to grant him Our Royal Lience and Protection, for the ſole printing, publiſhing, and vending the ſaid Work. And We do, therefore, by theſe Preſents, ſo far as may be agreeable to the Statute in that caſe made and provided, grant unto him, the ſaid *Richard Baldwin*, his Executors, Aminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, our Licence for the ſole printing, publiſhing, and vending the ſaid Work, for the term of Fourteen Years, ſtrictly forbidding all Our Subjects, within Our Kingdoms and Dominions, to reprint, abridge, or, publiſh the ſame, either in the like or any other Volume, or Volumes whatſoever, or to import, buy, vend, utter, or diſtribute, any copies thereof, reprinted beyond the Seas, during the aforeſaid Term of Fourteen Years, without the Conſent and approbation of the ſaid *Richard Baldwin*, his Heirs, Executors, or Aſſigns, under their Hands and Seals firſt had and obtained, as they will anſwer the contrary at their Perils. Wherefore, the Commiſſioners, and other Officers of Our Cuſtoms, the maſter, Wardens, and Company of Stationers, are to take Notice, That due Obedience may be rendered to Our Will and Pleaſure herein declared, Given at Our Court at *Kenſington*, the 23d Day of *October*, 1759, in the Thirty-Third Year of Our Reign.

By His MAJESTY's *Command.*

W. PITT.